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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 53,54 and 56-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 53,54 and 56-70 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

FINAL REJECTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to Amendment filed 03/08/04 in which claims 53, 56, 62, 64, 68-69 are amended.

Applicant's previous arguments are moot with regard to claims 53-54, 56-70 in view of the new rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 53-54, 56-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.102 (e) as being anticipated by Gilbertson PN 6,240,458.

2. As per claims 53, 56:

With respect to claim 53, Gilbertson teaches in a data processing system, a method for ordering a plurality of memory access requests, the method comprising: accepting the plurality of memory access requests; ordering the plurality of memory access requests ["A "simple rotational" priority scheme involves changing the requester priority on a periodic basis."; col. 2, lines 15-20], wherein the plurality of memory access requests are ordered based on age and availability of corresponding memory locations, and after the ordering associated with a memory access request of the plurality of memory access requests;

With respect to claim 56, Gilbertson teaches receiving the plurality of memory access requests by a queue [fig. 5]; reordering plurality of memory access requests [queue logic 510, fig. 5] in the queue ["A "simple rotational" priority scheme involves changing the requester priority on a periodic basis."; col. 2, lines 15-20; col. 21, lines

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39-50] based on their age and the availability of target memory addresses, wherein a target memory address is associated with a memory access request of the plurality of memory access requests, after reordering associated with a memory access request of the plurality of memory access requests [col. 2, lines 15-35; col. 17, lines 29-55; col. 18, lines 1-45; col. 20, lines 32-45; col. 21, lines 39-50].

3. As per claims 54, 57-58:

With respect to claim 54, Gilbertson teaches plurality of memory requests comprises at least three memory access requests [col. 19, lines 24-26].

With respect to claims 57 and 58, Gilbertson teaches reordering provides for at least two memory access requests with available target memory addresses [col. 19, lines 15-30; col. 21, lines 39-50]; servicing is done sequentially [e.g., FIFO queue, col. 6, lines 50-55].

4. As per claims 59-61:

With respect to claim 59, Gilbertson teaches queue is a priority queue, wherein a first memory access requests with higher priority than a second memory access request is executed before second memory access request memory access request [col. 21, lines 39-50].

With respect to claim 60, Gilbertson teaches reordering result in a queue having a first memory access request with an availability target memory preceding a second memory access request with an unavailable target memory address [col. 21, lines 39-50].

With respect to claim 61, Gilbertson teaches after servicing of plurality of memory access requests, returning results of servicing according to a received order of plurality of memory access requests by queue [e.g., "memory requests are not necessarily processed in the order in which they are received from POD 120A. Therefore MSU 110A must inform POD 120A which request is associated with returned data", col. 9, lines 45-65].

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5. As per claims 62-70:

Claims 62-70 basically are the necessary elements that carry out the corresponding operating steps of claims 53-61. Accordingly, claims 62-70 are rejected as the same reason as set forth in claims 53-61.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for response to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the date of this action. In the event a first response is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event will the statutory period for response expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc Dinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-3023. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald A. Sparks, can be reached on (703) 308-1756. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

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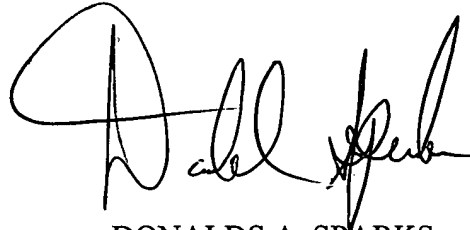


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